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RE: Proposed Draft Permit

Hyperion Energy Center

Union County, South Dakota

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Gentlemen:

After reviewing your Draft Permit, I find it is extremely difficult to understand as it is not written in a way that the average citizen can comprehend. I request that you publish a simplified list of permitted contaminants with anticipated yearly totals requested with your estimates of proposed limits for each.

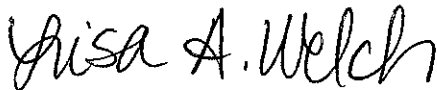
The following are comments I have and I respectfully call for your response:

- I do not believe the roads and streets within the project should remain unpaved for up to one year with the emission control systems listed. I live approximately three miles from the proposed project site. Since my home is off a gravel road I am very aware of the dust that is stirred up on a daily basis. I have numerous allergies that I require three injections per week. I know the dust as well as other contaminants will force me to require more injections or inevitably could force me to re-locate. I do not want to have to get more shots nor do I want to be displaced because of Air Quality standards that are set too low in the state of South Dakota. Please consider the health of the many individuals living around the site of the proposed project before accepting the final Air Permit. Please delay the final permit until you have researched all the possibilities that all the contaminants may have on all of our lives.
- The monitoring systems listed are not the best available as required by the EPA. This should be a red flag in the draft permit document! We need the best monitoring system as this project is something that should not be taken lightly.
- I believe that the required reporting needs to be sooner than the time limits noted and an independent third party be required to verify such.
- The refinery flares need to be included in the recovery and monitoring systems even for "upsets". Again, this project needs to be looked at thoroughly and researched to the fullest before any permits are granted.
- I think that all pipelines and transportation systems need to be included in your draft permit.

Please request that as allowed under South Dakota law, an Environmental Impact Statement be done by a third party (and bill such to Hyperion as required by South Dakota law), with the final Air Permit delayed until after the processing of the EIS. This needs to be done to more fully understand the full environmental and socio-economic impact of the proposed project.

I expect that you will take these comments to heart and explore this project further. I hope you consider all citizens of South Dakota and you will obtain a delay in the permitting process to research the project to the fullest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa A. Welch".

Lisa A. Welch

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